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State Closes Moose Hunt RM840 in Unit 22D Remainder

(Nome) – The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announces an emergency order to close the State resident moose hunt by registration permit RM840 in the Unit 22D Remainder hunt area.

The State resident hunting season for bull moose by registration permit RM840 in Unit 22(D) Remainder closes at 11:59 p.m. on September 11, 2020. The fall harvest quota of 17 bull moose is expected to be reached by the season closing date announced in this emergency order and no further harvest is warranted.

The Alaska Board of Game established a registration permit moose hunt in Unit 22(D) Remainder during the 2020 Western and Arctic Board of Game meeting in Nome. The management objective for the area is to maintain the post hunt fall composition at or above 30 bulls:100 cows. Fall moose composition surveys completed in November 2018 and 2019 resulted in 18 bulls:100 cows and 24 bulls:100 cows, respectively. These survey results suggested that the bull to cow ratio has persisted below our management objective since 2013 following a decline in the areas bull to cow ratio when compared to similar surveys completed in 2001, 2003, and 2011 during which time the bull to cow ratio averaged 33 bulls:100 cows. With the adoption of a registration permit hunt in the area the department established a quota for the 22D Remainder hunt area of 17 bulls for the 2020-2021 regulatory year to prevent excessive bull harvest and allow for the bull:cow ratio to increase.

The season closure is additive to the season closures announced for the registration permit hunt RM840 hunt areas: Unit 22(C), Unit 22(B) West of the Darby Mountains, Unit 22(D) Kuzitrin Drainage, and Unit 22(D) Southwest.

All other moose hunting regulations in Unit 22 remain unchanged by this emergency order.

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